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## REMARKS

Claims 1-31, 35, and 37-42 remain pending in the application. The features of claim 2 have been incorporated into claim 1. The features of claim 29 have been incorporated into claim 3. The features of claims 13 and 15 have been incorporated into claim 12. The feature of claim 16 has been incorporated into claim 14. The feature of claim 31 has been incorporated into claim 30. Claims 4, 8-12, 14, 17, and 18 have been amended to depend on claim 1. Claims 2, 13, 15, 16, 19, 22, 23, 29, 31-36, 38, 40, and 42 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect the method claims of Group I, originally including claims 1-31 and 35. The requirement is traversed to the extent of requesting reinstatement of the non-elected claims upon allowance of the elected claims.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3478.

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